



# DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

AMERICA'S COMBAT LOGISTICS SUPPORT AGENCY



## **Country Code - PDC 474**

## **DoD Transition to ISO 3166 - 1**

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## Background/Status

- The National Institutes for Standards and Technology withdrew the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 10-4, “Countries, Dependencies, Areas of Special Sovereignty, and their Principal Administrative Divisions” in September 2008.
- The DoD IT Standards Committee allowed use of FIPS 10-4 until December 31, 2012.
- DoD adopted International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 3166-1 as the replacement for FIPS 10-4.
- DoD has directed complete transition from FIPS 10-4 to ISO 3166-1 by September 30, 2012.
- Quarterly reports (future requirement).



## PDC 474 - Part I

- Within DoDAAD MAPAD replace current “pseudo” ISO codes with “locally assigned ISO codes”
  - Locally assigned two character series are: AA, QM to QZ, XA to XZ, and ZZ.
  - Locally assigned three character series are: AAA to AAZ, QMA to QZZ, XAA to XZZ, and ZZA to ZZZ and the series of numbers 900 to 999.
  - DoD must inform ISO 3166 when codes are used.
- Migrate country codes used in the DLMS clear text addressing from MILS codes to ISO 3166-1.



## PDC 474 - Part II

- DoDAAD/MAPAD enhancements:
  - Add a fifth line to the address
  - Add the country name in the last line of the address
  - Update the country code table with a flag for international addresses that require the zip code to precede the city name
- According to ISO, ISO 3166-1 codes should not be used for postage addressing.
- USPS guidelines state, “The last line of the address block area must include only the complete country name (no abbreviations) written in uppercase letters.”
- Example problem: CA is both California and Canada.



## PDC 474 - Part III

- Synchronize DLMS/MILSTRIP “Country and Activity” codes with Defense Security Cooperation Agency codes
  - DSCA has a mix of countries and funding codes within the DOD 5105.38-M Security and Assistance Manual (SAMM) Chapter 4. To avoid confusion, we are asking DSCA to drop the “country” designation from the table’s title.
- The newly labeled DSCA table will:
  - Continue to be used for MAPAC (second and third character) using existing code values
  - Require no changes to DSCA business processing